REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 25, 2005, requesting that all claims be presented, identified and in numerical order. Claims 1-8 have been included and identified as being cancelled. Thus, a listing of all claims 1-30 has been provided. No new matter has been added.

Request for Allowance

It is believed that this Response places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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